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COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA

STATE CORPORATION COMMISSION

AT RICHMOND, DECEMBER 27, 2001

APPLICATION OF

COLUMBIA GAS OF VIRGINIA, INC.

CASE NO. PUE010660

To close Rate Schedules
TS-1 and TS-2 to new customers
and for conditional approval
to waive certain penalties
and charges

ORDER PERMITTING WITHDRAWAL OF APPLICATION

On November 21, 2001, Columbia Gas of Virginia, Inc. ("Columbia" or the "Company") filed an application (the "Application") requesting approval to close its existing Rate Schedules TS-1 and TS-2 to new customers and requesting conditional approval to waive specified penalties and charges imposed on certain customers served under Schedules TS-1 and TS-2 during the winter of 2000-2001 (the "Application").

In the Application, the Company also proposed to implement new Rate Schedules TS-3 and TS-4 and a new Rate Schedule AS-Aggregation Service. The new Rate Schedules TS-3 and TS-4 were filed administratively with the Commission's Division of Energy Regulation on November 21, 2001. On December 6, 2001, the Division of Energy Regulation issued a letter to Columbia's

counsel stating its refusal to accept the application for the proposed new Rate Schedules TS-3 and TS-4 administratively.

On December 18, 2001, the Commission issued a Preliminary Order docketing this matter and directing, among other things, the Company to file on or before January 2, 2002, an appropriate application relative to its proposed new Rate Schedules TS-3 and TS-4 with the Clerk of the Commission under this docket.

On December 21, 2001, Columbia filed a Motion for Leave to Withdraw Application. In its Motion, Columbia stated, given the reaction of the Staff and customers to Columbia's suggested means of resolving its ongoing penalty and tariff revision disagreements between the Company and its transportation customers, the Company requested leave to withdraw the Application.

NOW, upon consideration of the foregoing, the Commission is of the opinion and finds that Columbia's Motion should be granted; that the Company should be permitted to withdraw the captioned application; and that this case should be dismissed from the Commission's docket of active proceedings.

Accordingly, IT IS ORDERED THAT:

(1) The Company's December 21, 2001, Motion to Withdraw Application is hereby granted.

(2) The captioned application may be withdrawn by the Company.

(3) This case shall be dismissed from the Commission's docket of active proceedings, and the papers filed herein made a part of the Commission's file for ended causes.